



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee



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Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2016 – 7PM
Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. Call to Order By: Linda Kipnes

2. Attendance By:

Kathleen Meighan, Michael Tranfaglia, Debra Putnam, Linda Kipnes, Leo Bernard, Robert Cooper, Lisza Elliott, L. Cheryl Freed (A)

3. Public Input:

Public Present: Ben Dibble

Earth Day Review:

Cheryl motions to cover Dibbles' extra expenses. Rob seconded.

In Favor: Rob, Lisza, Cheryl Kathy, Debra

Against: Leo, Mike

Abstain: Linda

Motion passes

Leo commented that he voted against it because the Bouncy House contributed to the overage.

Ben Dibble offers that there was a really nice article in the HLN. That same day there was a huge event at Benson's. We should look at holding it with them next year to get some of those people. Debra agrees.

The 2 goals of the Earth Day are to 1) promote Recycling, Energy and 2) promote the Boy Scouts.

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 28, 2016 meeting have not been released by Mike. Minutes were not distributed. Will vote on them next month.

5. Reports:

- Review of Trash Tonnage Report
 - Had ideas on increasing recycling. Rob suggested promoting recycling bins in the home. Deb asked if anyone gave the Recycling Stickers away for free. Lisza said that we can ask the place where we get out blue bags from.
- Expenditure Report
 - We are well within our budget. We spent some but we have plenty. We have sufficient money to do what we want to do.
- **Next Clean Up Days:** April 30, and May 28; 8am to 12pm {Pass Needed}
 - Passes can be obtained at landfill or at highway garage.
- **Yard Waste Disposal Only Every Saturday {May – November}** From 8am until Noon (No Pass Needed)
 - Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection:
Nashua Public Works Garage
9 Stadium Dr. Nashua May 7, 8AM – 12noon
 - MILFORD Public Works Garage, June 2, 3:00-7:00pm. For more information, see URL below:
<http://www.milford.nh.gov/town/departments/public-works/transfer-station>

- HLN Column & E-mails to Committee from HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@GMAIL.COM
 - Got email from family that helped at Roadside cleanup last Saturday. The mom indicated a strong interest to becoming part of the Sustainability Committee. Deb asked Lisa to reach out to her.
 - Cheryl wrote a great article a week before the cleanup. It got us great press and brought the residents up-to-date
 - Schools have occasionally checked in on competition and Deb forwarded these to Lisza.
 - There will be a May article. People to forward ideas to Cheryl.
- Energy Items
 - At the Earth Day Party, a representative of the company that did Curious About Solar was there and advertised.
 - Mike T: Mike had Action Item to follow up on Solar Street Lights. Vendor would like an opportunity to speak next month. Mike will attempt to schedule him for the May meeting.
- 2016 Earth Day and the spring Roadside Cleanup
 - 24 families signed in. Low turnout was likely due to people spending time outside (at Benson's)
 - Lisza thought that Cleanup went well. Meeting place was ideal. People who drove by tooted and gave a thumbs up.
 - Took advantage of landfill being opened for the day. Musquash, Burns Hill, Some of Wasson. Collected 29 blue bags and 11 Black bags.
 - Met Mr. Thompson who lives on Burns Hill. He was still working after this count and doing a great job.
 - Had 2 families.
 - Ideas: Used nylon green bag with our logo on it to hold trash bags. It would be helpful. Buy these instead of T-Shirts
 - Red Brick would do this. They already have our logo and it is a one-size-fits-all.
 - Lisza will investigate the price, send a quote out before the next meeting, and report next month
- Recycle/reuse Information sheet: updated

6. Old Business:

- Poster/slogan contest
 - 2 schools participated. Most participation from PMA. Handful from Nottingham West. Grade schools had testing earlier this month.
 - Lisza and Cheryl were thinking to ask the schools to participate in September to give them time to work it into their schedules.
- Solar Up/ Solarize campaign
 - Linda isn't aware of any individuals who are interested in doing this.
 - Debbie emailed the 2 people who attended both Solar presentations.
 - Linda explained the program to Lisza. Can have some Sustainability members but not all.
 - Deb added the contact information for interested residents. There will be informational meetings this summer.
 - Linda: the first step is to get a group of people together. Then get a list of installers to present. Choose one. Advertise in Hudson. Informational meetings and ads in the HLN. The installation company chosen pays for all of the promotion – not residents and not our committee.
 - Linda: Solarize will be focus of our committee now that other major events are done. Any of us can be on the committee as private members but not as SC members.
- Status of committee members needing to renew - Lisza, Margaret, Uday

7. New Business:

- Solar in town buildings

- Linda hasn't connected with person to do preliminary assessment
- Rob suggested going through our Selectmen Liaison.
- Linda is aware of funding available for and through the Library?
- Leo asked if Hills-Garrison is on the list and Linda confirmed that it is
- Further presentations/workshops
 - Linda: if we do the Solarize, we will have information nights, Solar Street Light presentation
 - Leo: Buttons up for the winter? Debbie has put in request in February. When and if they get funding, they will contact "winners"
 - Linda said that we can possibly fund it ourselves
- Members renewing
 - Margaret, Uday, and Lisza will not be renewing. Lisza is willing to be an alternate. Margaret is willing to help. No one has heard from Uday.
 - Leo makes motion to send thank you letter to Margaret. Seconded my Mike. Unanimously affirmed.
- Leo informed us that Maryline McGrath is our new liaison
- Conferences and Workshops
 - Not easy being green conference in expo
- Next month is re-election of officers.

8. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:

- **Cheryl:** Please stop littering. Little to no effort to throw trash away properly. To committee members, post more things on Facebook page.
- **Lisza:** Thanks to everyone who participated in RS Cleanup. Thanks for folks with trailer. We did our part. If everyone else does the same thing, we'll have a clean town.
- **Rob:** No comments
- **Leo:** Agrees with Cheryl. Sorry he couldn't be there for cleanup
- **Deb:** Spoke to someone about the number of alcohol containers on the road and the person said the reason is the open container law. But people shouldn't be drinking and driving. There are people still on wells in this town; if you pollute you can contaminate the water supply
- **Mike:** Sorry he couldn't make cleanup. Regarding the tonnage reports, do we have enough historical information so that we can see trends. Maybe we shouldn't get discouraged too quickly.
 - i. Leo thinks he may have sent link to historical graph.
- **Kathleen:** Not only do they throw the trash out the window, they throw it far into the ditch. People need to "clean up their act"
- **Linda:** We have open landfills, hazardous recycling. Linda apologized that she couldn't be there for the cleanup and thanked all participants. It matters. It makes people think.

9. Selection of Next Meeting Date:

- The next meeting will be held on May 23, 2016 at the Buxton meeting room at 7pm.

10. Adjourn:

Deb will miss May and June meetings.

Linda Kipnes

Linda Kipnes, Chairman

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Date

